



JewishGen Communities Database and Gazetteer

“How to” Guide, Beginner Level: Activity

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1. Use the JewishGen Communities Database to locate information about the town of Berdichev.

What is Berdichev's modern name? What modern country is it now located in?	
In what district and province was Berdichev located before WWI? In the inter-war period?	
List the two closest Jewish communities.	

2. Use the JewishGen Communities Database to search for towns within Troki district before WWI.

How many towns are included in the database that belonged to the Troki district? (hint, scroll down to the bottom of the page to see how many matches were found)	
Click on the star next to Kaišiadorys. What was Kaišiadorys known as during the time it was part of the Troki district?	
How is the town name spelled in Polish? What about Yiddish?	
Is there a Yizkor Book available for this location?	

3. Use the JewishGen Communities Database to search for Janowo in Poland.

How many search result(s) are there for Janowo in Poland?	
Choose the result that was located in the Płock province before WWI.	
What district was the town located in before WWI and between the wars?	

4. Now search for Janowo Poland using the JewishGen Gazetteer. Use an exact search for spelling.

How many search result(s) are there for Janowo in Poland?	
Return to the search page and now look at the search results based upon the distance from the city of Białystok. How many miles away from Białystok is the closest Janowo located?	

Click here to check your work against the [Answer Key](#). Remember, this will let you know you've mastered the Guide!